



# Yukon River News Release



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### **2006 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #11 Announcement #9, District 5 subsistence schedule Districts Affected: Upper Yukon River**

**Subsistence fishing for all species is open seven days a week until the subsistence salmon fishing schedule goes into effect on June 20.**

**District 5:** The subsistence salmon fishing schedule begins **6:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 20.** Based on the Board of Fisheries management plan, the subsistence fishing schedule is being implemented progressively upriver as the salmon migration proceeds. The subsistence salmon fishing schedule is the same for both the state and federal regulations.

**Subdistrict 5-A:** Effective **6:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 20,** the subsistence salmon fishing schedule will consist of two 48-hour periods per week starting at 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays until 6:00 p.m. Thursdays and from 6:00 p.m. Fridays until 6:00 p.m. Sundays. Subdistrict 5-A includes waters of the Yukon River from a point opposite the westernmost edge of Illinois Creek upstream to the easternmost edge of the Tanana River mouth along the south bank.

**Subdistricts 5-B and 5-C:** Effective **6:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 20,** the subsistence salmon fishing schedule will consist of two 48-hour periods each week, from 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays until 6:00 p.m. Thursdays and from 6:00 p.m. Fridays until 6:00 p.m. Sundays. Subdistricts 5-B and 5-C include waters along the north bank of the Yukon River from the western edge of Illinois Creek upstream to Tanana Village and continuing upstream on both the north and south banks from Tanana Village to approximately 2 miles downstream of Waldron Creek. The villages of Tanana and Rampart as well as the areas known as the "Rapids" and the "Haul Road Bridge" are within Subdistricts 5-B and 5-C.

Subsistence fishermen are reminded that a subsistence fishing permit is now required within the entire boundaries of Subdistrict 5-C. Fishermen fishing in Subdistricts 5-A and 5-B are encouraged to fill out their subsistence salmon catch calendars.

**Subdistrict 5-D:** The subsistence fishing schedule remains open seven days a week until further

notice. Subdistrict 5-D includes that portion of the Yukon River from approximately 2 miles downstream of Waldron Creek and upstream to the US/Canada border.

Subsistence fishermen are reminded that a fishing permit is required to fish for all species in that portion of Subdistrict 5-D from approximately 2 miles downstream of Waldron Creek upstream to the Dall River and from the upstream mouth of 22-Mile Slough to the US/Canada Border. Subsistence fishermen in all other areas of Subdistrict 5-D are encouraged to fill out their subsistence salmon catch calendars. Calendars are available from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Fairbanks.

All subsistence fishing for salmon must be stopped during subsistence salmon fishing closures. Subsistence fishing for non-salmon species is open 7 days per week throughout the drainage. Gillnets used for harvesting non-salmon species during salmon fishing closures in District 5 are restricted to a maximum length of 60 feet and a maximum mesh size of 4-inches. Additionally, during closed subsistence salmon fishing periods, fish wheels may not be used to fish for whitefish and other non-salmon species.

Subsistence fishermen are reminded that your name and address must be written on your fish wheel, or on a buoy attached to set gillnets and other unattended subsistence fishing gear.

For additional information regarding state regulations, contact the Division of Commercial Fisheries in Fairbanks at 459-7274, during regular office hours. For a 24-hour recording regarding current subsistence fishing schedules, call toll free outside of Fairbanks 1-866-479-7387, and in Fairbanks 459-7387.

This has been a report by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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